

's Players' Insurance Fund

(Inaugurated 1922.)

RULES and BY-LAWS

Football Association hereby inaugurates an Insurance Fund for injured whilst playing, as hereinafter provided. Suffered from duly registered players on books of the Metropolitan Soccer Football Association; the fund not to apply to competitions.

F. Association shall subsidise the Fund to the extent of a fifty

Annual report of accident to Management Committee of that Association following such accident, and at the same time hand in written report and Hon. Secretary or officer of the Club, and accompanied by a statement of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to perform his duties. Committee same is to be notified, when written report may be submitted by some person with his (claimant's) authority and on his behalf.

Where player takes part in any game, within eight (8) days after accident is made. The fund shall be administered by the Management Committee of the Fund. Subscription shall be five shillings (5/-) per player per season, entitling a player to an allowance of one shilling (10/-) per player per season, entitling him to a two pounds allowance. Player shall be allowed to subscribe more than ten shillings

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at any time absorbing all income, further benefits shall cease, and understanding.

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of fund at end of last year, £44/12/1.

It came unknown, and few can know
The weight it seemed to be;
It hit me on the ear, and oh,
The difference to me!

Beyond this game of groans and cheers
Looms but the anger of the crowd,
As yet the thunder of their jeers
Tells me my goal has been allowed.

Omar Khayyam.
The ball no notice takes of cries
and "ohs!"
But trundles meekly at the
players' toes,
But he who stands around and
shouts advice,
He knows about it all—He
knows—HE KNOWS!

W. E. Henley.
Out of the fight that smothers me,
Black, blue, and sore from head
to sole;
I thank, whatever the odds may
be,
I scored that equalising goal!

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"Ford comes from Saskatchewan, and E. Bowman from Saskatoon!"

Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, Pronounce them fast who please, To me who's struggled half an hour, They sound like two 'flu sneezes

"...While all the delegates were not in agreement still each was sympathetic." — "Soccer News."

Although with you I can't agree, Nor to your notions cotton— The way you put things up to me, I think your logic's rotten. Oh, let us not in anger go, I find you so pathetic; My head is hard, my heart not so, I am so sympathetic!

The M.C. of the M.S.F.A. in consideration of the very fine junior game at Wentworth Park on the 12th March, have donated to the Metropolitan Junior Board of Control a cup, valued at £15/15/-, for an inter-association competition.

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THE ENGLISH TEAM.

An Interesting Article.

NO SOCCER TEAM.

(Published in England about the 17th January, 1924).

On Monday last the International Selection Committee of the Football Association (England) gave most serious consideration to the proposed tour to Australasia. There was keen anxiety on the part of every member of the committee to send out a representative side this March, but the plain fact of the matter is that the players who were available did not satisfy the committee, and they reluctantly decided to abandon the tour, but definitely pledged themselves to make it in 1925 if that meets with the approval of the Commonwealth Football Association.

The Football Association is not to blame for the inability to get such a team together as would do credit to the Old Country and would give practical exhibitions of the standard that had been reached in England in the best amateur and professional circles. To have sent out a team that could not have done that would have been absurd, and the Selection Committee took the view that Australia wished for the best, and that only the best was good enough for you. While there must be considerable disappointment to those who had encouraged the hope, and in view of what had happened over here they were entitled to be hopeful, that a team would be with you at the end of April this year, it is surely better that there should be a postponement for twelve months rather than failure should be courted.

In addition to the open invitation issued by the Football Association through the press the following letter was sent to all the principal clubs:—

"You are aware that we have been invited to send a representative team to tour Australasia in the summer of 1924. We are very desirous of sending a favorable response; indeed, we feel that loyalty compels us to make every effort to meet the wishes of our colonies. The difficulty so far has been the inability of players to be absent from England for a period of six months. The tour will necessitate players leaving England about the end of March, and arriving home at the end of September.

"The team to be selected must be of such strength as will uphold the best traditions of our game in the Mother Country. We shall be glad if you will again consider the possibility of one or more of your players being able to undertake the tour. Will you please communicate with us by January 14?"

QUANTITY BUT NOT QUALITY.

The response to that letter was not altogether satisfactory. There was no lack of players, but they were not except as to the minority, of the class required. What was aimed at was a strong mixed side of professionals and amateurs, and that included among them

top in the Test game, it would not be such a combination as would satisfy the authorities over here that it adequately represented the playing strength of this country. Thus it happened that, after a long and earnest discussion, the resolution was passed to which I have referred, deciding to postpone the tour, and this decision was confirmed later in the day by the full council of the Association.

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New Zealand 1; N.S. Wales 1.
New Zealand 4; Australia 1.
Maitland 4; New Zealand 0.
South Coast 2; New Zealand 0.
Goals for: 29; against: 29;
Won: 6; drawn: 2; and lost: 7.

How the Chinese Fared, 1923.

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Sydney 4; China 2.
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Granville 2; China 2.
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China 5; North Tasmania 0.
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Goals for China: 63; against: 53; Won, 8; lost, 9; drawn, 7.

SECOND GRADE.

The Second Grade Competition will this season be divided into two divisions, each division to play one round, the winner on points to be the winner of the division.

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CRITICISM AND A LITTLE PRAISE.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—

The other Saturday I took a friend, who is a Rugby follower, to see his first Soccer match, "The Navy Squadron v. the Metropolis," at Wentworth Park. We arrived at the entrance gates at 1.30 p.m. I was surprised to find that they were not open; a crowd soon collected, and the remarks they passed about the Management Committee were not very complimentary. A boy with a bundle of "The Soccer News" under his arm arrived, and did a roaring trade. We all soon got interested in your bright, up-to-date paper. As it is the first issue for this season, I wish it "many happy returns of the day." Your editorial, "The Coming Season," should be read by all connected with the management of the game. Soccer has passed the stage of committeemen rushing about with big badges on their coats, all looking important and doing nothing; it must be run on up-to-date business lines. The people who attend the matches must be considered. They lay the golden eggs.

I would respectfully suggest that the reporters' table be removed from near the boundary line and placed near the fence, thus giving everyone a clear view of the game. Please do not think I am growling; I have suggested this in the interest of the game. I may say that I am not a regular follower of Soccer, but, like many more, go to all the big matches and read the accounts of the club games in the newspapers.

I was greatly pleased with the game on Saturday, considering it is so early in the season. I was a bit disappointed with Henderson after seeing him play so well last season, but he had a big man and a fine player up against him. No doubt our team learnt a few points such as trapping the ball.

Everyone is pleased that our

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The system aims at decentralised control. Each area has local autonomy subject to certain provisions. The N.S.W. Association is the medium for events which concern more than one district.

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Full Backs:

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Halves:

3—J. HELE 4—A. HENDERSON 5—H. SPURWAY

Forwards:

6—S. BOURKE 7—H. WINTER 8—G. MILNER 9—J. HEANEY 10—F. RAMSAY

Reserve:

11—E. Sarchfield.

Linesmen: G. YOUNG and H. SAINTY.
PYRMONT RANGERS.

(Blue with White V and White Cuffs).

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Others available:

13—E. Thomas 14—H. McAllister 15—T. McAnnispie

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ALL THE NEWS.

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The P.C.S.F.A. is starting representative matches, as on 10th it is our intention to meet Goulburn on Leichhardt Oval (provided the M.S.F.A. loans us the oval). On that date all the Second Grade matches will be suspended. The representative team will be selected from this grade. The curtain-raiser will be provided by "A" Division v. "B" Division. First and Third Grade matches will be played as per usual.

Moonlight Excursion.

Will all teams who have not yet returned their money in connection with the moonlight excursion, please forward same at once.

St. George Branch.

This branch is going apace, and this season will put nine or ten teams in the field. Mr. R. Nicholson, who was assistant hon. secretary and treasurer in 1923, finds his time too fully occupied with his studies, and Mr. P. McKay will fill the breach. Mr. R. H. Henny is still hon. secretary and treasurer.

P.C.R. Association.

The Referees' Association has elected Mr. S. Crutchly as their president. Mr. Crutchly has been in ranks of the P.C.R.A. since 1921. Mr. L. Scott, "Jesmond," Abergeldie Street, Dulwich Hill, is the hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. F. Clark is the councillor to the Association.

Instructions to Team Secretaries.
Team secretaries should see that they have a copy of the 1924 Constitution.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 3rd MAY, 1924.

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Second Grade "A" Division.

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Second Grade "B" Division.

Leichhardt Meth. v Leichhardt Presb. on H'field Flat, at 3.15; All Souls v Croydon Congs. A on St. Peter's No. 2, at 1.45; Ryde Meth. v Ashfield Bapt. on Centennial No. 1, at 3.15; All Saints v Fivedock Meth. on Leichhardt Flat, at 1.45.

Third Grade "A" Division.

St. Luke's v Alex. Mission B. on Botany, at 1.45; St. Stephen's N. v St. Silas on Botany, at 3.15; Botany Meth. B. v St. Bartholomews on Erskineville, at 1.45; St. Thomas' v St. John's Bal. B. on Wardell Road No. 3, at 1.45; St. Columbs v Newtown Congs. F on Centennial Park No. 2, at 1.45.

Third Grade "B" Division.

St. Bedes v St. Aidans B. on Centennial No. 1, at 1.45; Lakemba Congs. B. v Annandale Meth. on Lakemba, at 1.45; Drum. Bapt. Jnrs. v Canterbury Meth. on Lakemba, at 3.15; St. John's, Glebe v St. Stephen's K. on Haberfield Flat, at 1.45; Hurlstone Park Meth. v Croydon Congs. B. on Hurlstone Park, at 1.45.

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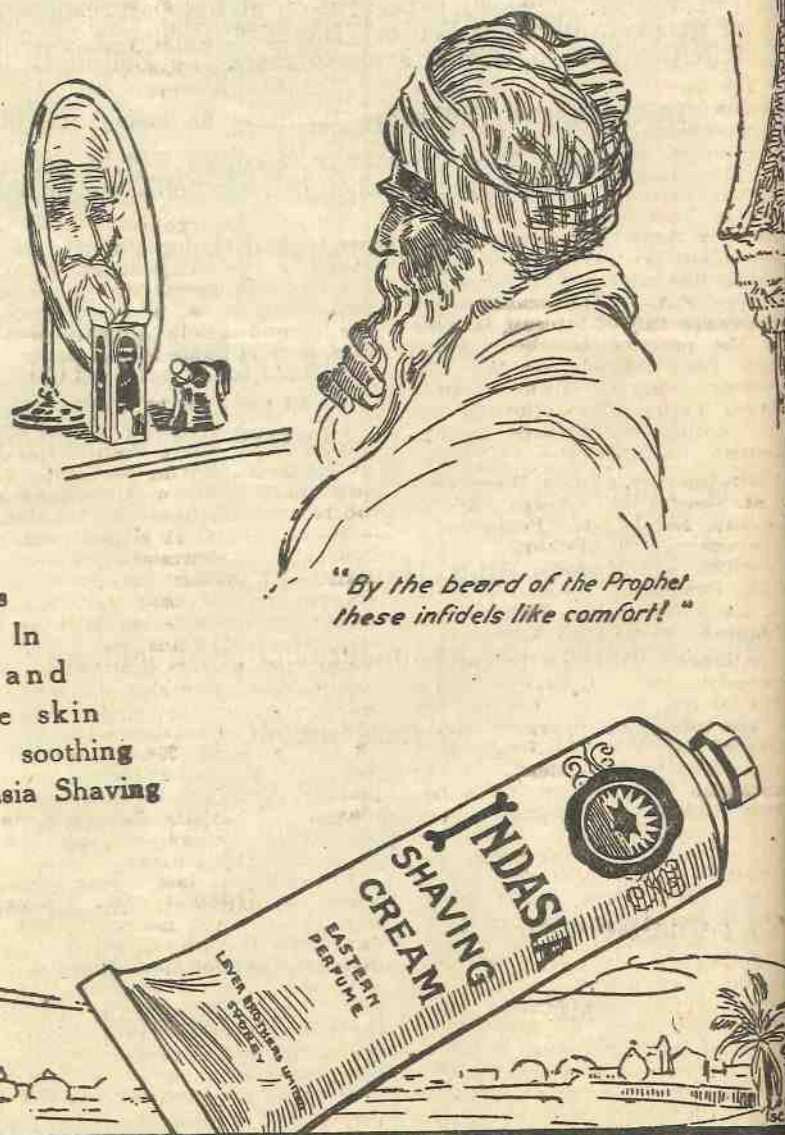
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WHY JUNIOR STARS FAIL.

(By a Scottish Trainer.)

(From the "Soccer Record,"
Brisbane.)

It is the easiest thing in the world to give advice. It costs nothing; merely a little thought sometimes, and sometimes, not even that.

But advice is a good thing especially for a young player who wants to rise in his profession. By keeping his ears open he can learn much. The youngster who listens to the voice of experience, and profits thereby, is on the right tack.

Why so many promising juniors fail in seniority can be set down to various reasons. They are growing lads, and the stress of senior football may be too severe. It takes a strong healthy robust constitution to last out, week after week, ninety hard strenuous minutes of present-day football.

Some clubs rush the raw material all too soon. Tender plants should be nursed, for a stripling is not an oak. The present-day frantic rush for the star juniors is all against reason. Boys are snatched away before they are physically fit to play a man's game. Competition may be the life of trade, but it is also the death-knell of numerous budding Internationals.

(Continued on page 16).

Abbreviated Laws of the Game

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(By J. McDougall).

To-day marks the official opening of competition Soccer in Sydney, whereas in London the English Cup Final practically means the close of the season in the Old Country.

The season 1923-24 has not been by any means a prosperous one for the British clubs, mainly because of unemployment and industrial trouble, and as ours is a democratic game, "gates" have suffered in consequence. However, London's experience to-day will be record crowds and high finance, and some facts and figures of previous finals are worth mention.

Aston Villa v Newcastle United.

The contestants in the final tie are well known and old established clubs, who have appeared in the last round on many occasions, particularly Aston Villa, whose record for the competition is unique, having won the coveted trophy on six occasions.

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Lilyfield v Glebe Arcadia, Canterbury No. 1, 1.45.

B Grade—Under 18.

Bondi Beach A v Newtown, Centennial No. 13, 3.15.

Bondi Beach B v Sunlight, Sunlight Sports Ground, 1.45.

Leichhardt Juniors v Banksmeadow, 3.15.

Annandale Federals v Annandale United, Algie Park, 1.45.

Rozelle Fernleigh v Rozelle Waratahs, Fivedock No. 2, 1.45.

Leichhardt Wanderers v Lilyfield, Canal Ground, Campbell St, 1.45.

C Grade, Division 2—Under 16.

Warren Iona v Manly Juniors, Primrose Pk. No. 2, 3.15.

Marrickville Avoca v Warren Avoca, Canterbury No. 3, 1.45.

Newtown Iona v Pymont, Primrose No. 2, 1.45.

Marrickville Rangers v Enmore United, Canterbury No. 2, 1.45.

C Grade, Division 3—Under 16.

Long Bay v Kia Ora v Bondi Beach, Centennial Pk. No. 13, 1.45.

Manning Rovers v St. Peter's Kans., Ground to be allotted.

Botany Rechabites v Nestles, ground to be allotted.

Punch Park v Banksmeadow Rovers, Banksmeadow, 2 p.m.

NEXT SATURDAY.

The following is the draw for the second round:—

All-Age.

Pymont Refinery v Marrickville Avoca.

Leichhardt Juniors v Farmers. Sydenham v Manly Thistle.

United Juniors v Leichhardt Waratahs.

Sydney Soccer Club v Kenilworth.

A Grade.

Easton Park v 53rd Battalion. Marrickville Avoca v Kangaroos.

Sargent's v Glebe Arcadia. Annandale Altona v Lilyfield.

B Grade.

Bondi Beach A v Sunlight. Newtown v Banksmeadow.

Bondi Beach B v Lilyfield. Leichhardt Juniors v St. Peter's Kangaroos.

C Grade, Division 1.

Annandale Waratahs v Annandale United.

Rozelle Juniors v Rozelle Waratahs.

Annandale Federals v Lilyfield. Rozelle Fernleigh v Leichhardt Wanderers.

C Grade, Division 2.

Warren Iona v Warren Avoca. Manly Juniors v Pymont.

Marrickville Avoca v Enmore United.

Newtown Iona v Marrickville Rangers.

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Botany Rechabites v Punch Pk.

THE RYDE ASSOCIATION.

The new Ryde District Association is a live body, and is expected to make much progress this year. It will do a wonderful amount of good in fostering junior football in its very big area.

The officers elected are as follows:—

Patrons: Messrs. D. M. Anderson, Greig, Loxton, Bavin, and Sir Thomas Henley, M's.L.A., Messrs. Pratten and Bowden, M's.P.

President: Ald. C. Dyer, Mayor of Ryde.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. English (of Drummoyne), Justice and McIntyre (Hornsby), Gus Bowe (Gladesville), Wilkins (Gordon), and Starr (Ryde).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Fraser.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. D. Ephgrave.

Hon. Association Secretaries: Messrs. Wolsey (Hornsby) and Tipney (Epping).

Management Committee: Messrs. Dawson (Epping), Cheeseman (Hornsby), Hibberd and Metcalfe (Ayde).

It has been decided to run the following competitions:—A Grade (all age); B Grade (under 18); and C Grade (under 16).

The affiliation and registration fees are to be:—A and B Grade, 10/6 for affiliation, and 10/6 for registration; C Grade, 7/6 affiliation and 7/6 registration.

Entry and registration forms may be had by applying to the Hon. Secretary, W. D. Ephgrave, Falconer Street, Ryde.

Two cups have been presented to the Association—one from the Ryde Local News, and another from Mr. R. O. Birch (Chemist, Ryedale Road, West Ryde). The Local News Cup will be for competition among the Seniors, and the Birch Cup among the juniors.

Who will donate the third cup?

The Referees' Association is in the hands of Messrs. Moore, Parkes Street, Ryde; McPhee, Devlin Street, Ryde; and Searl, Hermitage Road, Ryde.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Gladesville v Sydney, St. George Oval, 3.15 p.m. (Bates).
 Granville v Pyrmont Rgs., Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (Wright).
 Gladstones v Auburn, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (L. Gill).
 Fernleigh v Two Blues, S.C. Ground No. 2, 3.15 p.m. (J. Lester).
 Lachlan Rangers v St. George, Waterloo Oval, 3.15 (Lukeman).
 Pyrmont v Leichhardt, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (G. McLay).
 Bal. Scottish v West Sydney, Ibrox Park, 1.45 (Summers).
 Rangers v Canterbury, Canterbury No. 1, 3.15 (Smith).
 Bankstown v Drummoyne, Bankstown, 3.15.
 Pyrmont v Rozelle Albion, Crescent Oval, 1.45 p.m.
 West Sydney v Fire Brigades, S.C. Ground No. 2, 1.45.
 Sunlight v Annandale Alt., Sunlight Sp. Ground, 3.15.
 Gladesville v Campsie Thistle, Belmore Park, 3.15.
 Lilyfield Rangers v A.G.L., Centennial Park, 1.45.
 South Sydney v Sydney, Boorallee Park, 1.45.
 Botany Albion v Metters, Boorallee Park, 3.15.
 Boorallee Rovers v Alexandria, Waterloo Oval, 1.45.
 Burns Club v Garden Island, Crescent Oval, 3.15.
 Callan Park v Manly, Callan Park, 2.30 p.m.
 North Sydney v Eastern Subs., Centennial Park, 3.15 p.m.

WHY JUNIOR STARS FAIL.

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When I joined the Heart of Midlothian from the ranks of the juniors, Albert Buick gave me a few wrinkles:—

"Never attempt too much, G.—" advised the famous centre-half. "You are one of a team, not the whole eleven. Watch the big pots; study them, and, above all, pay strict attention to your trainer."

Golden words of advice they were and they sank deep. I studied the stars. Football seemed easy to them; I wanted it to seem easy for me. Day after day I tried and tried again to master some little trick I'd seen famous

succeed now. We are always learning; and, alas, too many juniors, when they take the senior ticket, stop studying at a time when their education is actually commencing.

When I joined Manchester City, I met a kindred spirit in Will Meredith. We worked off a few training stunts together on the Hyde Park ground. Billy would take the ball at full speed from one end of the field to the other whisk it across at all angles, and I would be there to trap that cross-kick first time and let fly at Jack Lyall!

Day after day we persevered at corner-kicks, penalty-kicks, and even throwing in the ball. Some laughed at us, and called it unnecessary work, but you may take it from me that no true craftsman will call earnest manipulation of the tools of his calling a waste of time. Concentration, wholeheartedness, and a deep-seated ambition to get on will bring success to the new senior. But there is no shirking. To those who are entering senior football from the minor ranks, I think Alec Raisbeck's advice should be more than useful. I heard my old Liverpool clubmate harping it out to a new recruit at Anfield—

"Be first," said Alec. "Get after the ball. Beat the other fellow; and if you cannot take the leather from him, force parting before he gets settled down. Keep on after it. When a goalkeeper gets a shot, be up. He might drop the ball. Make opportunities and take them quick."

Too many juniors fail because they try too much, refuse to act as instructed, and fancy they know more than those who have been more years in football than they have been minutes. But it has been my experience that, in football as in every other pursuit and calling, hard work is the keynote to success. More work, more study, and we'd have more successful recruits from the junior ranks.

Subscribers are informed that the "Soccer News" is on sale on Friday night at the following

Ryde Soccer Club Meeting.

The first meeting of the newly formed Ryde Soccer Club was held in Mr. Jack Hibberd's West Ryde Billiard Saloon.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Secretary and Treasurer: W. Boardman.

President: Mr. Grant.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. C. Davis, E. A. Heap, R. Cadman, F. S. Pacey, Morrison, E. Norman, Cronin, Gus. Bowe, and Dr. Boulton.

Delegates: R. Bowers and W. Boardman.

After much discussion it was decided that the club colors should be Maroon and Gold.

Two teams will be entered in the competitions—an all-age and an under sixteen.

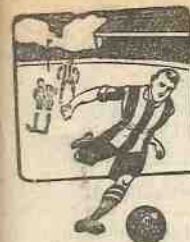
THE ENGLISH CUP FINAL.

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the number of people who intended witnessing an exhibition of their national sport on that day. Many thrilling incidents are recorded of that game, including a delay of forty minutes at the start owing to the playing pitch being invaded, and only when the players appeared on the field and appealed to the crowd was the ground cleared sufficiently to allow the game to begin, and then only as far as the touch and goal lines; in fact, the game was nearly abandoned. Such incidents and many others are associated with practically all big games on the other side, and the first Chinese game of last year is only a forerunner of what we here may expect in the near future.

HINTS FOR CLUB SECRETARIES.

- (1) All protests must be in writing, and in duplicate, and lodged with 10/- fee within two days.
- (2) See that your club always has a ball available.
- (3) See that your players take the field in proper uniform—fines will be enforced.
- (4) Send the result of your match



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